AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An edulcorating soluble composition in the form of a powder ~~containing~~ consisting essentially of from 50 to 98% by weight of inulin and from 0.2 to 50% by weight of at least one synthetic sweetener.

2. (previously amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition has an apparent density of from 430 to 550 g/l.

3. (cancelled).

4. (previously amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein inulin is present in admixture with chitosan.

5. (original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein from 10 to 13% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry of 400-800 μm, from 30 to 50% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry of 200-400 μm and from 8 to 16% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry lower than 100 μm.

6. (original) A composition according to claim 5, wherein from 11 to 12% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry of 400-800 μm, from 35 to 45% by

weight of the composition itself has a granulometry of 200-400 μm and from 9 to 15% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry lower than 100μm.

7. (cancelled).

8. (cancelled).

9. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~8~~ 1 wherein said at least one synthetic sweetener is present in ~~amounts~~ an amount of ~~0.5~~-5 0.5-5 % of the weight of said inulin.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12-26. (cancelled)

27. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition has an apparent density of from 400 to 600 g/l.

28. (new) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said synthetic sweetner is selected from the group consisting of acesulfame K, aspartame, cyclamic acid, the sodium salts of cyclamic acid, the calcium salts of cyclamic acid, saccharine, the

sodium salts of saccharine, the potassium salts of saccharine, the calcium salts of saccharine, thaumatine and neoesperidine DC.